November 6, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for eleven years, is one quarter mile from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in traffic, noise and the associated danger of toxic spills from derailments will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

Our family uses Otis Road, which crosses the tracks, for the transportation of our children to school, church and to Good Shepard Hospital which lies to the north beyond the railroad tracks. Access to the Barrington Hills Fire Department will also be blocked from those emergency vehicles coming up Brinker Road and Otis Road to our house on Hawley Woods Road from the fire station at Route 62 and Brinker Road.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain the **overall well being of our community** will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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